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## PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petitions for three-month extension of time for filing a response to the August 29, 2003 Official Action. With the extension, a response is due on or before December 29, 2003. A check in the amount of \$950.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to

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Express Mail No. EV270259906US Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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